

AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 2008



A AIRPORT OPERATIONS

- Passenger Count
- Aircraft Operations
- Air Freight

The passenger count for August, 78,210 was up 3.4% compared with August 2007. The total passenger count year-to-date, 570,767 was up 4.4% compared to the same period last year.

B PROGRAMS

1. Air Service

Horizon Air announced that they will be providing nonstop service to Sacramento from Santa Barbara starting November 9th. They will continue to serve Seattle nonstop but the Portland route will become a single-stop through Sacramento.

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2. Communications Program

a. Airline Terminal Project Public Information Plan

Components include the development of an information guide, newspaper notices and project information signage at Terminal. A special segment began airing on Channel 18's 'Inside Santa Barbara' programming. A business leader meeting was held at Airport Administration on September 11 to provide an update on the project. Additionally, plans have been initiated for the installation of webcam to provide video feed of construction activity via *flysba.com*.

b. New FlySBA.com Website Development

A scope of work is being finalized to serve as the 'blueprint' for creating the new website. The project is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

c. Highway 101 & 217 Airport Signage

A construction permit was obtained this summer for 6 new CalTrans signs on the highways to direct travelers to the Airport. The signage includes new airplane symbols and the words "Santa Barbara Airport." More visible sign placement is also part of the project which is scheduled for completion this month.

d. Airport Visitors Center Activity

379 students from 2 schools and 8 summer camps received tours in August. Five general aviation clubs held meetings at the Center during the month.

e. Airline Terminal Comment Card Program

98 responses were collected in August. Comments ranged from TSA personnel complaints to requests for free water beyond the security checkpoints.

f. Website Statistics

36,112 visitors logged onto FlySBA.com in August, representing 415,000 website page hits. There was an average of 1,165 visits per day – a 27% increase over the same month last year.

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3. Airport Noise Abatement Program

Planned completion date: Summer 2009

Five potential sites for the new Noise Monitoring Terminals have been chosen. Airport staff is working on the permitting for these sites. Scheduling meeting with City of Goleta to discuss proposed Goleta sites and address related questions and issues. Awaiting responses from County.

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C CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. Airport Terminal Improvement project

Planned Completion Date: 2011

The initial project phases have been submitted for building permits. The first project in association with Terminal improvements, the SBA Terminal Ramp & Taxiway B Relocation Construction Project, was awarded to Granite Construction on July 22, 2008. Construction commenced with Taxiway K and Taxiway B between Taxiways A and E closed indefinitely due to construction. The Terminal ramp configuration has also changed requiring the airlines to push back aircraft. Bids opened for the second project in association with the Terminal improvements, the SBA Temporary Facilities & Site Preparation Project on September 4, 2008. The bids will be evaluated to determine the low responsive bidder.

\$60 Million (14.1M AIP Grant, 5.8M PFCs, 34.5M Bond Funds, 1.0M Airport Funds)

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2. ASP Wetland Mitigation Plan

Planned Completion Date: 2009

ASP Wetlands Mitigation Plan

Mitigation associated with the Airfield Safety Projects at a ratio of 4:1.

- Area I Restoration - Completed
- Remainder of Mitigation Plan –Construction of the creek restoration plantings, berm restoration and Area R-2 is complete. Phase 2 Tidal Restoration scheduled to begin in 2009.

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3. Goleta Slough Tidal Circulation Demonstration Project

Planned Completion Date: January 2009

This project was modified to restore tidal action to one Goleta Slough basin instead of two basins, due to cost. The Airport has received a Coastal Development Permit amendment from the Coastal Commission for the modified experiment. Construction began in September and was completed in October 2005. Surveys to measure bird activity, vegetation establishment and invertebrate communities are ongoing and will continue until November 2008. Staff has received approval from the California Coastal Commission to extend the reporting period until January 2009.

URS Corporation
\$348,330 (work that is continuing.)

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4. Consolidated Rental Car Quick Turn Around Facility

Planned Completion Date: Fall 2009

This Airport project is to provide a Rental Car Quick Turn Around facility (QTA). The QTA will be relocated off of the Airline Terminal premises on a 3.4 acre site located at 25 David Love Place. It will function to fuel, perform minor service (oil changes, fluid checks, tire repair, etc.) vehicle washing, and vehicle storage. The Santa Barbara City Council awarded a contract to Pat McCarthy Construction on July 1, 2008. Construction has commenced and will take approximately one year to complete.

Project Cost:
\$8,803,000
(Customer Facilities Charge revenue)

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5. South Apron Rehabilitation and Miscellaneous Pavement Repair Project

The Santa Barbara Airport South Apron Rehabilitation and Miscellaneous Pavement Repair Project were awarded to Granite Construction on July 31, 2007. Construction commenced in August 2007. The project involves reconstruction of asphalt concrete and Portland cement concrete at five locations on the airfield; those locations being near Hangar 1, Hangar 2, Hangar 4, the access road to the "Boneyard" hangars, and an area near Atlantic Aviation. Construction is complete, including tie down anchor cable at Atlantic Aviation. City Council approved an additional \$250,000 for the project that will be used for ramp reconstruction. This work is complete.

Granite Construction
Project Cost:
\$1,515,649

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D COUNCIL / AIRPORT COMMISSION ACTIONS

Council / Airport Commission approved the following recommendations in August
Recommendation: That Council:

- Authorize the Airport Director to execute a contract with URS Corporation (URS), in an amount not to exceed \$136,777 for services associated with the Native Plant Nursery, and authorize the Airport Director to approve expenditures up to \$13,678 for extra services that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.
- Approve and authorize the Airport Director to execute a contract with URS Corporation for post-construction biological monitoring associated with the Airfield Safety Projects and other small projects at the Santa Barbara Airport in an amount not to exceed \$36,963, and authorize the Airport Director to approve expenditures up to \$3,696 for extra services that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.
- Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a contract with Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff Architects, P.C. (HNTB), in the amount of \$575,669, for construction support services for the Taxiway B Realignment and Terminal Apron Projects, and authorize the Public Works Director to approve expenditures of up to \$58,000 for extra services of HNTB that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.